

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1287

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk-Silva

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 13000 of the Water Code, relating to water quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1287, as introduced, Quirk-Silva. Water quality.

The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act establishes a statewide program for the control of the quality of all the waters in the state and makes certain legislative findings and declarations.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to the legislative findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13000 of the Water Code is amended to
2 read:
3 13000. The Legislature finds and declares that the people of
4 the state have a primary interest in the conservation, control, and
5 utilization of the water resources of the state, and that the quality
6 of all the waters of the state shall be protected for use and
7 enjoyment by the people of the state.
8 The Legislature further finds and declares that activities and
9 factors which may affect the quality of the waters of the state shall
10 be regulated to attain the highest water quality—~~which~~ *that* is

1 reasonable, considering all demands being made and to be made
2 on those waters and the total values involved, beneficial and
3 detrimental, economic and social, tangible and intangible.

4 The Legislature further finds and declares that the health, safety
5 and welfare of the people of the state requires that there be a
6 statewide program for the control of the quality of all the waters
7 of the state; that the state must be prepared to exercise its full power
8 and jurisdiction to protect the quality of waters in the state from
9 degradation originating inside or outside the boundaries of the
10 state; that the waters of the state are increasingly influenced by
11 interbasin water development projects and other statewide
12 considerations; that factors of precipitation, topography, population,
13 recreation, agriculture, industry and economic development vary
14 from region to region within the state; and that the statewide
15 program for water quality control can be most effectively
16 administered regionally, within a framework of statewide
17 coordination and policy.